

Minutes of a Meeting of the Brown Fisher Association, Inc. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Brown-Fisher Association (BFA) held a meeting on Saturday, August 03, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Salisbury.

Call to order: President Stephen Brown called the meeting to order shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Attending: Stephen Brown, Doug Robinson, Keith Wolf, Rod Kesler, Norman Ribelin, Grace Marlatt, Brenda Zimmerman, Aaron Kepley, Betty Dan Spencer, Sarah Brown, Larry Brown, Debbie Taylor, Sandra Phillips, Deane Brown, Paul Bryan Walker

MINUTES: Coordinator Doug Robinson emailed minutes from the previous meeting to the Board in advance. Corrected minutes showing Deane led the meeting. Doug made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as sent. Motion was seconded by Rod and passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Larry Brown was recognized and began the Treasurer's Report. Donations in of \$1225, \$1000 was given by Stephen for web support of the BFA. Membership of \$1040. Misc. showing a deposit that is not categorized in the amount of \$222.96. Interest \$487.79, donations for the year as far as capital improvement \$200680. We are showing \$286,301.62.

Stephen moved to accept the financial report, Keith second. Accepted unanimously.

Editor's Report: Brenda was recognized to give the Editors Report. She suggested putting the website address on the front of the Rowan Roots. Preparations are almost complete for the newsletter to go out.

Coordinator's Report: Doug was recognized to give the Coordinator's Report. Norman, Keith and Debbie were asked if they would like to continue for another term on the board. All accepted to do so. We have 1 opening for a board member. Doug had contacted Kaye Brown Hirst previously about filling the open spot. She asked him to

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approach her later. He had also approached Amy Williams, Sylvia Wiseman's daughter. Amy was dealing with family illness and unable to serve at that time. Betty Dan Spencer recommended Steve Fisher. Doug encouraged board of directors' nominations from the Fisher side. Doug will contact Hunter and ask him to solicit Steve Fisher or other Fisher family members. Memberships are down. A plea was enclosed in the newsletter for membership dues and donations. Also mentioned in the newsletter was the increase in membership dues.

Website: No report Ken and Kat not present.

Long Range Plan Update: Larry was recognized to cover the long range plan update. Larry reported the caretaker house has been removed and he asked Norman to cover the house removal. Deane asked Aaron if he has checked the area with a metal detector since the house is gone. Now that the area is cleared a site plan will be requested from Todd Berg. He has indicated that one of the next steps will be some borings in the area of where we are putting the building. A discussion of the mechanical room location commenced. The hope is to use the area upstairs to create the room. A discussion of the areas that will be climate controlled occurred. A motion was brought by Sarah to the board to have funds that were donated to BFA to be earmarked for Capital Improvement Fund for The Old Stone House. Paul gave second. Vote taken, passed unanimously.

Betty Dan recommends that there should be only one fundraiser, run by the Rowan Museum, to remove confusion of multiple fundraisers at once. Stephen pointed out that we hope to have the building project debt free upon completion and to work towards that end. Deane pointed out that he thinks the archive area should be much bigger to allow for future growth.

Aaron stated the cabin is disassembled, tagged and scanned. The plan is not to reassemble the cabin as is, but perhaps use the corners. At this point the parts are still on the construction site.

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The tombstone information: Aaron/Betty stated that we know the year of baptism and his date of death. 1732-November 25, 1807. This is to be verified.

Betty Dan inquired as to whether Michael Brown's will had been located. She has information of what it looks like and last known location.

New Business: Stephen recommends planting a couple chestnut trees in the new area. He will be happy to contribute funds to purchase a couple. Sarah made a motion to have 2 chestnut trees added to the future for the building area, it was second by Keith. Vote taken, passed.

Historian: Betty Dan reported that Tommy Fisher died last week. Doug reported Senator Richard Lugar, who was reportedly kin to the Browns, also had died this year. Betty Dan stated that he called and denied the lineage.

Meeting closed at 11:20

Next meeting: November 09, 2019

Paul Walker
Corporate Secretary